

## RADaR = Replace, Add, Delete and Reorder

REPLACE ...	ADD ...	DELETE ... and	REORDER ...
... words that are not specific. ... words that are overused. ... sentences that are unclear.	... new information. ... descriptive adjectives and adverbs. ... rhetorical or literary devices.	... unrelated ideas. ... sentences that sound good but create unity problems. ... unwanted repetition. ... unnecessary details.	... to make better sense or to flow better. ... so details support main ideas. ... to avoid “bed-to-bed” writing.

### EXAMPLES

#### Replace

*Before:* As I ran to the finish line, my heart was beating.

*After:* As I sprinted to the tape, my heart was pounding in my chest.

#### Add

*Before:* Shadows made the night seem scary.

*After:* Ominous shadows made the dark night seem even more frightening.

#### Delete

*Before:* The candidates talked about the issues, and many of the issues were issues that had been on the voters’ minds.

*After:* The candidates talked about the issues, many of which had been on the voters’ minds.

#### Reorder

*Before:* Put the sunflower seeds over the strawberries, which are on top of the pineapple in the bowl. You’ll have a delicious fruit salad.

*After:* To make a delicious fruit salad, cut pineapples into a bowl. Add strawberries and then sprinkle a few sunflower seeds over the top.

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